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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN RECEPTION OF ANGOLAN SPECIAL ENVOY

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1. MR. PASCAL LUVUALU, ROVING AMBASSADOR AND MEMBER OF THE ANGOLAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE, HAS RECEIVED HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION AND CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY DURING HIS VISIT TO LUSAKA.

2. ON HIS ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA DEC 5 HE TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE WAS THE BEARER OF A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NETO FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA. IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE SAID THAT THE DELAY IN OPENING THE BENGUELA RAILROAD WAS DUE TO ZAIRE'S FAILURE TO REPAIR TWO BRIDGES ON ITS SIDE OF THE BORDER (REFTEL A).

3. LUVUALU'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON DEC 8 WAS MARKED BY THREE COLUMN PICTURES IN BOTH DAILIES. KAUNDA WAS QUOTED AS SAYING TO LUVUALU THAT, LIKE MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY, ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA SHOULD STRIVE TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO ANY PROBLEMS OR DIFFERENCES THAT ARISE BETWEEN THEM. KAUNDA WELCOMED THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN ZAMBIAN MEMBERS OF THE UNIP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THEIR ANGOLAN COUNTERPARTS. HE HOPED THESE VISITS WOULD BE CONTINUED AND AUGMENTED BY EXCHANGES OF DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING GOVERNMENT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

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4. KAUNDA HOSTED WHAT WAS BILLED AS A STATE DINNER FOR THE

SPECIAL ENVOY DEC 9. ALONG WITH LUVUALU, MEMBERS OF UNIP'S
CENTRAL COMMITTEE WERE THE HONORED GUESTS.

COMMENTS: LUVUALU'S VISIT AND RECEPTION SHOULD BE VIEWED AS
ONE MORE STEP IN THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN
ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA. THE CONSTRAINT ON COMPLETE NORMALIZATION
WAS BROUGHT INTO SHARP FOCUS BY QUESTIONS ASKED IN PARLIAMENT
THE DAY LUVUALU WAS RECEIVED BY KAUNDA. AS NOTED IN REFTEL B,
PRIME MINISTER MUDENDA HAD TO RESPOND TO POINTED QUESTIONS ON
WHY GRZ HAD MOVED TO RECOGNIZE ANGOLA WHEN A GOVERNMENT OF
NATIONAL UNITY (ONCE A GRZ PRECONDITION FOR RECOGNITION) HAD
YET TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THAT COUNTRY. MUDENDA IN REPLY FELL
BACK ON THE ARGUMENT THAT THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A FRIENDLY
COUNTRY WERE NOT TO BE DISCUSSED IN PARLIAMENT. LOW

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